

this ruler,—those.who are to bevdesired
 (tie g0ds)₃
 and those who are mortal, "bearing
 oblations: for
 this venerable invoker (of the. gods),
 the lord of
 men, and distributor (of desired benefits),
 was placed,
 by the officiating priests, (upon the
 altar), before the
 sun was in the sky.^a

3. May our newest celebration*⁵ come
 before that

AGOT, who is sweet-tongued, and is to
 be engen-
 dered in the heart;^o whom men, the
 descendants of

MAFUS, sacrificing and presenting
 oblations to him₅
 beget, in the time of battle.*

4. A&m, the desirable, the purifying,
 the giver
 of dwellings, the excellent, the
 inyoker (of the
 gods), has been placed (upon the altar),
 among men.

My he be inimical (to our foes), the
 protector of
 (our) dwellings, and the guardian of the
 treasures in
 (this) mansion.

5. "We, born of the race of G-OTAMA,
 praise thee,
 AG-NI, with acceptable (hymns), as the lord
 of riches;
 rubbing thee, the bearer of oblations,
 as (a rider
 rubs down) a horse/ May he who
 has acquired

^a *The* priests conduct the *Yajatndna* to the place
 where the fire
 has "been prepared, before the break of day, by the
Adkiuaryu.

^b *Navyasi* * * *sulirtih*; as if the hymn were of very

